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SUBJECT: ZAIRE PRESS RELEASE ON STOCKWELL ALLEGATIONS

1. FOLLOWING IS MAY 9 PRESS RELEASE WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED
FROM ZAIRIAN AMBASSADOR KASONGO:
QUOTE: ON SUNDAY MAY 7, 1978, DURING A PROGRAM OF THE U.S.
TELEVISION CBS NETWORK, LARGELY PLAYED UP IN THE WASHING-
TON POST OF MAY 8, 1978, A JOHN STOCKWELL, FORMER CIA
MEMBER, LAUNCHED INTO REVELATIONS AND CHARGES AGAINST HIS
FORMER EMPLOYER IN CONNECTION WITH THE ROLE IT PLAYED IN
THE STRUGGLE OF SEVERAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS OF ANGOLA.
IN HIS STATES OF MIND, HE ATTEMPTED TO BESMIRCH THE PRESI-
DENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE, LINKING HIS NAME WITH AN
ALLEGED GRANT OF DOLLARS 1.4 MILLION INTENDED FOR TWO
FACTIONS OF ANGOLAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, SAID TO HAVE
BEEN PAID TO HIM IN 1975-76 AND WHICH NEVER REACHED ITS
RECIPIENT.

THE EMBASSY OF ZAIRE MOST EXPRESSLY DENIES THIS ALLEGA-
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TION MADE BY JOHN STOCKWELL AND WISHED TO REMIND THAT EVER
SINCE THE FIRST SHOT THAT TRIGGERED THE STRUGGLE FOR THE
LIBERATION OF ANGOLA WAS FIRED FROM ZAIRIAN LAND IN 1961,
UP TO THE INDEPENDENCE OF THAT COUNTRY AND ITS RECOGNI-
TION BY ZAIRE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE AL-

WAYS SUPPORTED THE VARIOUS FACTIONS OF THE ANGOLAN MOVE-

MENTS FOR LIBERATION, MATERIALLY AND FINANCIALLY, WITH ZAIRE'S OWN RESOURCES. ALL EDUCATIONAL AND TRAINING FACILITIES CARRIED OUT IN MANY MILITARY SCHOOLS OF ZAIRE FOR ANGOLAN FIGHTERS, WERE SUPPORTED BY THE STATE OF ZAIRE'S OWN BUDGET, AS WELL AS THE EXPENSES REQUIRED BY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF ANGOLAN REFUGEES WHO FLED THE HORRORS OF WAR AND FOUND A REFUGE IN ZAIRE.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAIRE WOULD NEVER IMAGINE, LEST HE BETRAYS HIS FEELINGS AS AN AFRICAN, TO ESTABLISH A BALANCE SHEET FOR ALL THE HELP HE HAS EXTENDED, WITH NO SELFISH MOTIVES, TO ANGOLAN FACTIONS OF THE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS.

HOWEVER, THE EMBASSY OF ZAIRE FEELS THIS IS AN OPPORTUNE TIME TO RECALL THESE FACTS DISPASSIONATELY, WHEN A MAN NAMED JOHN STOCKWELL, NOW CALLS PUBLIC OPINION TO WITNESS, THROUGH HIS DECLARATIONS AND HIS WRITINGS, TO HAVE A CLEAR AND GOOD CONSCIENCE. UNQUOTE.

2. ENCRYPTED FOR TRANSMISSION. DECLASSIFY UPON RECEIPT.

3. DESPITE THE MAY 9 DATE, THE PRESS RELEASE HAS RECEIVED NO MEDIA ATTENTION HERE OF WHICH WE ARE AWARE. VANCE

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